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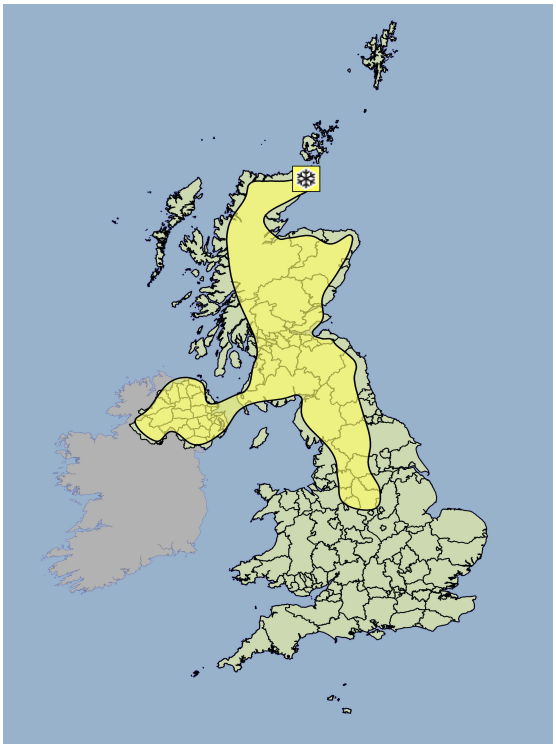

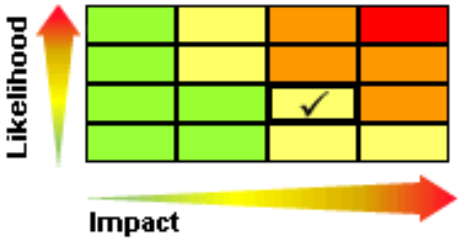

Chief Forecasters Assessment
Snowfall will become increasingly prolonged and heavy in places across the north of the UK, as a very cold easterly airmass sourced from Scandinavia becomes re-established across all northern areas of Britain. Conditions look likely to become especially poor for some upland areas, with atrocious travel conditions due to the combination of snow and strong winds. Many areas bordering the coast, however, will see a more sleety mixture which will struggle to settle, at least on road surfaces.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert** of **Snow**

Valid from **00:05 on Tue, 19th Mar 2013** until **23:59 on Tue, 19th Mar 2013**

During Tuesday an area of sleet and snow over Scotland will move south into parts of Northern England and Northern Ireland. Snowfall will be heaviest over hills, where 5 to 10 cm of snow seems likely and with around 15 cm or more across some upland areas. At lower levels accumulations will generally be less than 5 cm and east coastal areas are likely to see little lying snow. However over many upland areas, the snow will drift in the strong easterly winds, (gusting to 40 to 50 mph quite widely), bringing significant drifting over many hill routes. Icy stretches will add to the hazardous conditions. Conditions should start to ease from the north through the day, although the speed of this improvement is unclear.

The public should be aware that some disruption to travel may well develop, and depending on subsequent information, this warning may be upgraded to Amber across parts of the region.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

Issued by the Met Office at 12:51 on Sun, 17th Mar 2013

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